

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**January 28, 2018 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAT., JAN. 27, VIGIL: 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

5:00 pm HELEN V LAWLOR, anniversary, req. by daughters Patricia and Regina

**SUN., JANUARY 28, 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

11:00 am FOR THOSE WHO DONATED THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

**Monday, JANUARY 29**

7:00 am FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

**Tuesday, JANUARY 30**

7:00 am FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

7.25 am Novena Prayers - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, JANUARY 31, Saint John Bosco, Priest**

7:00 am FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

**Thursday, FEBRUARY 1**

7:00 am FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

**First Friday, FEBRUARY 2, The Presentation of the Lord**

7:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS

5:30 pm FR. ANDREW P. FARINA

**SAT., FEB. 3, VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

5:00 pm Mass

**SUN., FEBRUARY 4, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am EMILY KABALA, 12th anniversary, req. by James S Kabala

**DAILY ROSARY**

Start your day in quiet prayer. Please join fellow parishioners in contemplation as we pray The Rosary, Monday through Friday at 6:40 am, before daily Mass.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Prayers are asked for these friends, family, and fellow parishioners. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. *Diane C., Susan Porter, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Robert Calso, Bob K and Kathy D'Amico.*

My dear parishioners,

*Today I share with you the recent memorandum from the Office of Divine Worship in the Diocese of Providence regarding the recent influenza outbreak.*

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Each year at this time concerns are raised regarding the potential spread of influenza throughout various communities. The most recent weekly report from the State Department of Public Health categorizes the statewide estimate of influenza activity as 'widespread'. In addition, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this year's flu vaccine is less effective in the prevention of influenza A(H3N2) than in prior years.

Pastors are therefore encouraged to prudentially consider the following guidelines and suggestions as they pertain to your local community:

During the Eucharistic Liturgy, the Sign of Peace need not be announced or exchanged. (As you know, the exchange of peace is always optional during Holy Mass, omitting the invitation "let us offer each other the sign of peace" GIRM 154)

If your parish has the practice of distributing Holy Communion under both species, the distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ from the chalice should be discontinued for the time being.

Those who are distributing Holy Communion should be especially mindful of the particular need for personal hygiene before the distribution of Holy Communion. It is permissible to use hand sanitizer before Mass or even immediately before distribution of Holy Communion. A consideration should be made for having hand sanitizer easily available at the doors of the church, school or other public buildings.

Finally, but certainly not least in importance, we approach this situation as we approach everything in life, from the perspective of our faith and in prayer. Please ask the Lord's protection upon our community during this time of widespread illness.

--Monsignor Montecalvo

**This week Our Lady's Candle intention is for Helen V. Lawlor, anniversary remembrance, requested by her daughters Patricia & Regina.**

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**BAKE SALE**

On the weekend of February 3rd and 4th, the Religious Education Program will be once again sponsor the Bake Sale. The proceeds will go to Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" campaign. All parishioners are invited to support the Bake Sale and are also kindly asked to please contribute baked goods for us to sell. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**COFFEE AND CRAFTS**

Sunday, February 4th after the 9 am Mass. Valentines for Veterans. Taking place in the Church Hall. Please join us in thanking our Servicemen and Servicewomen.

**MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

Our Monthly Maintenance Collection helps defray the cost of maintaining our beautiful church, rectory and parish grounds. The parish is very fortunate to have staff members who take great pride in keeping our facilities in magnificent shape. A monthly collection of \$3,000 would pay for this ongoing and necessary maintenance. Please be generous to this important collection to continue necessary maintenance and improvements on our parish property.

**2018 MASS INTENTIONS**  
**MASS AND CANDLE STIPEND POLICY**

The 2018 Mass Book is available to schedule both Mass Intentions and Intentions for Our Lady's Candle. The requested Mass Stipend is \$25. Our Lady's Candle's Stipend (which is a week-long Intention) is \$15.

In order to report stipends accurately to the Diocese we ask that you please write a separate check for your Mass or Candle Intention and make a notation on the memo line of the check. Thank you.

**St. Sebastian's Church is excited to announce the second of our series of four spiritual lectures!**

In response to popular demand, Mark Gordon will return to the parish on **Wednesday, January 31** to discuss the application of Catholic Social Teaching in today's complex and polarized public sphere. Come at 7 pm to hear the Church's alternative to ideologies from the right and left.

Mark Gordon is the president of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Diocese of Providence. He is the author of *Forty Days, Forty Graces: Essays of a Grateful Pilgrim*, has written for the National Catholic Register, *Aleteia*, and other Catholic Publications. He blogs on the Dorothy Option on the Patheos Catholic channel, and is a frequent writer and commentator on the meeting ground between spirituality and social concerns. Refreshments will be offered.

**PARISH FINANCES**  
**JANUARY 21, 2018**

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| <b>Contributions at Mass</b> | <b>\$ 4,259.00</b>  |
| <b>Online Parish Giving</b>  | <b>\$ 707.00</b>    |
| <b>Total Contributions</b>   | <b>\$ 4,966.00</b>  |
| <b>Parish Expenses</b>       | <b>\$ 10,799.00</b> |
| <b>Diocesan Collection</b>   | <b>\$ 436.00</b>    |

***A sincere thank you for your continued support!***

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our online stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).

**Parish Meetings and Activities**

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| 1/28 | Rel. Ed., Grades 6-8            | 10 am   | Classrooms |
| 1/29 | Rel. Ed., Grades 1-5            | 4 pm    | Classroom  |
| 2/1  | Exposition of Blessed Sacrament | 4:30 pm | Church     |
| 2/1  | First Friday Mass               | 5:30 pm | Church     |